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In re Application of

Kazuo OHBA : DECISION ON

Application No.: 09/701,504

PCT No.: PCT/JP00/02980 : PETITION :

Int. Filing Date: 10 May 2000

Priority Date: 10 May 1999 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

Attorney's Docket No.: KAMI-BN12

For: ARM FOR ELASTIC DOLL, METHOD OF FORMOLDING SAME AND MOLD THEREFORE

This decision is in response to applicants' "LETTER" filed 01 June 2001, which is a copy of a petition under 35 CFR 1.182 faxed 01 December 2000 which requested correction of the identification of the application number in applicant's papers. The \$130 petition fee has been charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 16-2462 as authorized in applicant's petition.

BACKGROUND

On 10 May 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/JP00/02980, which claimed priority to an earlier filed Japanese application filed 10 May 1999. Accordingly, the twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 10 January 2001.

On 29 November 2000, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, inter alia,: the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1) and declaration as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4).

On 01 June 2001, applicants filed the present petition requesting indication of the international application number be corrected on the transmittal letter.

DISCUSSION

The transmittal letter of 29 November 2000 identified the application number as PCT/JP00/02980. A review of the declaration filed on 29 November 2000 reveals that it is directed towards the specification filed in PCT/JP00/02980 filed 10 May 2000. Applicant

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petition is granted. The international application number on the transmittal letter filed on 29 November 2000 has been corrected to PCT/JP00/02980.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to correct the application number is GRANTED.

Applicant' claim for priority is acknowledged. The application has an international filing date of 10 May 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 29 November 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 371.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for continued processing.

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